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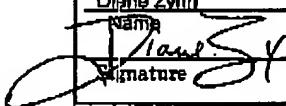
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- Enclosed is an Office Action dated November 7, 2006 from a corresponding Japanese patent application, along with four cited references and a prior art reference.
- The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
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Respectfully submitted,
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	06-023604	02/01/94	Japan				X
	62-121004	07/31/87	Japan				X
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